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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6135

BILL NUMBER: SB 292

NOTE PREPARED: Nov 18, 2012

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Vacating Roads in State Parks and Preserves.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Hume

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that, before issuing an order vacating all or part of a public highway located on or within the boundaries of certain property owned by the state, the director of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) must obtain the written approval of the executive of the political subdivision responsible for the construction, reconstruction, maintenance, and operation of the public highway.

Effective Date: January 1, 2013 (retroactive).

Explanation of State Expenditures: Obtaining the written approval of the local executive specified in the bill could be accomplished within the current level of resources of the DNR. Operating expenditures associated with properties that may be affected by this provision would be dependent upon the response of the specified local government executive, the location of the public highway the DNR wishes to vacate, and the configuration of the affected property. The fiscal impact on potential expenditures is indeterminate.

Explanation of State Revenues: Potential gate revenues pertaining to properties that may be affected by this provision would depend on circumstances.

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Potential local expenditures would depend on the specific circumstances surrounding specific properties. If DNR would vacate all or part of a public highway, the local government unit would no longer be responsible for maintaining the affected portion of the road. If the local government executive would not approve the action, responsibility for the maintenance would remain with the local unit of government.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: DNR.

Local Agencies Affected: Specified local executives of the political subdivision responsible for the construction, reconstruction, maintenance, and operation of the public highway.

Information Sources: DNR

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